

Dear participant,

We are pleased to inform you that the visa procedure has now been simplified and you can receive your visa for free upon arrival in the King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh. It is recommended ideally that the last leg of travel arrangements are made with Saudi Airlines as this is the national carrier of Saudi Arabia and co-ordination with this airline will be much easier.

However should you choose any other airline there will be no problems, the visa will be issued upon arrival at the airport for free.

The instructions below are only for those who have not received visa from the Saudi Arabia Embassies. If you have not gone to the embassy you can ignore the visa invitation letter we might have sent you earlier.

For the production of a visa – on – arrival letter we will need you to do immediately the following:

- 1) Send us an attachment of your final flight ticket (please write your name and surname in the file you will attach. Please also note that you can not change the flight ticket after sending it to us as visa on arrival is based on flight details).
- 2) Fill in carefully and return to us the attached **request for visa on arrival form** for you and any accompanying persons.

Note: In the "city of departure to reach Riyadh" if for example the trip is Athens-Istanbul-Riyadh you should write: Istanbul.

Some days after we get your documents we will send you a visa – on – arrival letter showing your name as in the passport, passport number and flight details which will allow you to board the plane.

When you arrive in Riyadh the organizers will be waiting for you and arrange your entrance in the country.

Finally as we have already informed the receipts of the tickets for those entitled conditions should be sent to accounts@fide.com for reimbursement after the event is over with a maximum amount of 1000 USD for Europe and Asia and 1200 USD for Americas and Africa. Regarding distribution of players to the hotels, we will inform you with another email in due course.

The schedule of the event can be found [here](#).

(We remind you that we have recommended not to arrive very early on 24th December as the check-in at the hotels is at 15.00).

Thank you very much

Best Regards,

Maria Ikonopoulou

FIDE Secretariat